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In Re Patent Application of:

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Title: ANNULAR PLEATED FILTER CARTRIDGE
FOR LIQUID FILTRATION APPARATUS

) Group Art Unit: 1724

) Examiner: Terry K. Cecil

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action of May 25, 2004. As indicated during the telephone interview of July 20, 2004, applicant believes that, in view of the nature of the Advisory Action issued before the filing of the RCE, and further considering the claims adjustments now made, this application in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks Examiner Cecil for the telephone interview of July 20, 2004. During the interview, the undersigned attorney pointed out that the Office Action of May 25, 2004 refers to the Advisory Action of April 19, 2004 (which preceded the RCE). Thus, during the interview the undersigned dealt with the points discussed by the prior Examiner in such Advisory Action. (The July 20, 2004 interview was the first conversation with the PTO since the Advisory Action.) The interview points will be summarized and discussed in detail below, after the listing of the present claims as amended. At the end of the interview, it was indicated that applicant could and would make the proposed claim amendments, and give in writing compelling reasons why the application should be allowed.